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1. IN FEBRUARY 11 MEETING WITH DELPECH (FRENCH ARMA-  
MENTS DIRECTOR) DCM RAISED SUBJECT OF NATO INTEROPERA-  
BILITY AND ASKED DELPECH'S VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT. DEL-  
PECH SAID THAT FRENCH TAKE NATO INTEROPERABILITY WORK  
PROGRAM VERY SERIOUSLY INDEED AND FOR THAT REASON THEY  
SENT GENERAL CAUCHIE (WHO WORKS FOR DELPECH) TO LAST  
WEEK'S AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING AT NATO.

2. DELPECH NOTED THAT FRANCE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE  
AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS NOT CREATED ANY DOMESTIC POLITICAL  
PROBLEM IN FRANCE AND, IF ANY FRENCH CRITICISM SHOULD  
BE LEVELED AT THE GOF FOR ITS WORK IN THE AD HOC COMMIT-  
TEE, DELPECH WOULD BE QUITE PREPARED TO GO PUBLIC  
WITH THE REPLY THAT FRANCE IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS  
ALLIANCE WORK, THAT FRANCE HAS EVERY GOOD REASON TO PAR-  
TICIPATE AND THAT FRANCE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE  
WITH ITS ALLIES IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS OF INTEROPERABIL-  
ITY.

3. COMMENT: DELPECH'S VIEWS, AS WELL AS REPORTS IN  
REFTELS, SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT FRENCH APPROACH TO  
ATTACKING PROBLEMS OF NATO INTEROPERABILITY. WE HOPE  
DEPARTMENT WILL NOT LEAVE UNANSWERED OUR RECOMMENDATION  
IN REF A.  
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